

### REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments is courteously solicited.

Initially the undersigned would like to thank Examiners Hodges and Williams for the courtesies extended during an oral hearing held with the undersigned on April 22, 2003. During the above noted oral hearing, the outstanding official action was discussed in detail and agreement was reached as to how to amend the claims so as to define over the prior art of record.

In accordance with the agreement reached at the above noted oral hearing, Applicant submits new claims 59-79 for the Examiner's consideration. Independent claim 59 sets forth that the coating material adheres directly to the semiconductor surface. It was agreed that claim 59 as set forth in the instant amendment would define over the prior art of record. Specifically, the teachings of the primary reference 6,340,824 taken in combination with JP 359208759 would not lead to the claimed subject matter.

Specifically, the '759 document would teach placing the polymer film 6 on the rubber surface 3 and not directly on the semiconductor element 4. Accordingly, if the teaching were employed in the primary reference the polymeric coating would not be applied to the LED 990 of Figure 41

but rather to the dipping resin 142E. Accordingly, the sum total teachings of the prior art does not teach, suggest or render obvious the claimed subject matter of independent claim 59 nor the claims which depend therefrom.

Accordingly, it is believed that the claims as pending patentably define over the prior art and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case,  
it is respectfully requested that they be charged to  
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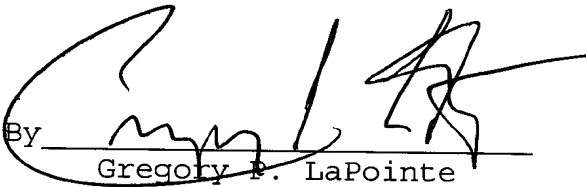
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